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1953 BAREX PORT AND BEACH INFORMATION

1. Name of port Nome, Alaska

2. Name of vessel USNS PVT JOHN R. TOWLE (T-AK 240)

3. Navigational Information:

a. Approach - general description Utilize Sledge Island on approach from south to north westward.

(1) Channel Anchorage 1.3 miles 219° from entrance jetty.

(2) Markings As indicated USC&GS Chart 9383A.

(3) Minimum Depths In jetty depths less than 8 feet reported.

(4) Obstructions, artificial and natural 3 fathoms mark indicated on Chart NO 5822, Lt. 64°27' N, Long 165°20'.

b. Tides and Currents Varies with wind direction.

c. Pilotage - how obtained - rates None.

d. Anchorage - general description Good holding ground.

e. Weather: Frequent rain and fog depositing rime.

Ice Data - Break-up and freeze-up dates

4. Port and Landing Facilities:

a. Tugs or barges - where available - rates Lomman Tug & Barge Company. Rates unknown.

b. Docking facilities - boat landings, etc. Only that landing used leading through jetty.

(1) Storage Limited.

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(2) Local labor available None utilized, but was available.

(3) Transportation - local means available Military and a few taxis.

c. Beaches:

If landing beaches are in area, give details on "Beach Intelligence" form and attach to this report.

5. Supplies:

a. Water None obtained.

b. Fuel None obtained.

c. Provisions None obtained.

d. Construction Materials None obtained

6. Communications Radio-phone.

7. Aircraft Landing Sites - or potential ones which could be prepared with little effort. Note lakes of sufficient size and depth for seaplane operation in summer and for ice strip in winter.

None observed.

8. Population: White Unknown Eskimo Unknown.

9. Additional Remarks:

Natives very friendly. Discharge very slow due to insufficient lighterage barges under Military control. Barges and tugs available here, but not taken advantage of. Purely military exercise.

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